



Park Districts Report – April 2015

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting

May 5, 2015

SOUTH REGION

HIGHLIGHTS

- April has been a busy month for hiring and training seasonal staff. We have 6 seasonal Park Aide Rangers spread throughout the south region that will assist Park Rangers with all operational needs during the busy summer months. We are also able to get some project work done as well.
- District Managers have been busy hiring our new Recreation staff. We have hired two temporary Recreation Specialists, Zach Lewis that will be the new face of the Hawkins Amphitheater and Shane Weckerley who will assist in the management of the aquatics facilities. We also hired a new full-time Recreation Coordinator, Christina Cravens, who will be overseeing all things recreation. We are excited to add some recreation folks to our parks team!
- Galena Creek Visitor's Center ran a day camp during both weeks of spring break. They had 43 (215) campers during the first week "Animal Adventures" and 25 (125) campers during the second week "Explorer's Club".
- Davis Creek Park opened the North loop for full campground operation on Friday, April 10th. We are remaining steady with campground visitation. The only unfortunate news about Davis Creek Park is that we will not have water in the Davis Pond. We have had intermittent flow from our Ophir Creek diversion and there will not be nearly enough to fill the pond for the year, much like last year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our Park Ranger and Recreation staff will continue hiring & training seasonals and prepare all facilities for summer use.
- Galena Creek Park will re-open the Fish Hatchery and Camp WeChMe for summer operations.
- Bowers Mansion will re-open to the public on Saturday, May 16th. The re-opening will coincide with a Civil War Re-enactment special event at the Comstock Pavilion. We plan to remain open through Nevada Day this year.
- There are a few special events in May. The May Faire at Bartley Ranch Park on May 9th and the Reno Tahoe Odyssey uses Dorostkar Park for their first team transition on Friday, May 29th.

NORTH REGION

HIGHLIGHTS

- Attendance at all parks continues to be extremely high for the "winter" season. Rancho had over 150,000 visitors in March.
- All Ranger staff had a work day in which staff poured new pads for target bales at the Regional Archery Facility. Rangers mixed over 6,000 pounds of concrete! (About 80, 80 pound bags total.)
- Ag Days was held at the Nevada Farm and Families (NFF) area of Rancho San Rafael Park. Approximately 200 people came out to see chickens, ducks, rabbits, and geese as well as learn about agriculture in Nevada.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Explore the Outdoors will be held in the Nevada Farm and Families area at Rancho on April 18th. This is a cosponsored event with KNPB and will highlight other partners who Parks and KNPB work with. Examples are Boys and Girls Club and Reno Disc Golf Association.



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- Staff is planning the upcoming programming for the spring and summer. This includes the Concert Series at Lazy 5 and Ranching at Rancho.
- Saturdays at the Ranch will begin at the Nevada Farm and Families Area on April 18th in conjunction with Explore the Outdoors. The program will run most Saturdays into November, culminating in the ever-popular “Meet the Turkeys” day just before Thanksgiving.